

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
N	481



City Lexington

Address 30 Bloomfield Street

Historic Name B. H.R. Davis House

Davis - Fox House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1872-1875

Source deed and map research

Style Mansard / Queen Anne

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

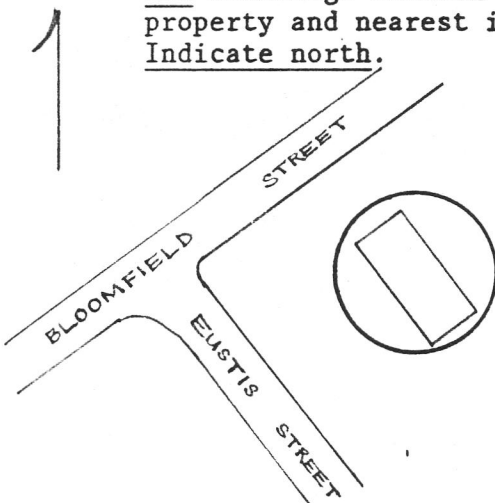
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Approx. acreage 18750 ft.²

Setting Suburban residential street; a mix of 1870s and 1880s houses and twentieth century infill.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The most elaborately embellished house on Bloomfield Street, this house is noteworthy for its distinctive bay window treatment. A sunburst and lattice design surmounts the first level of the bay. Brackets at the eaves and at dormer windows are made from several thicknesses of wood with different profiles so that they appear carved.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Unfortunately, no information has turned up about the builder of this unusual house. The owners heard it was built as a summer residence by an Italian or Viennese consul, but this has not been confirmed. Horace Babcock Davis owned the building in 1875. He was town assessor from 1876 to 1889.

By 1906, Irving P. Fox, a publisher in Boston, owned the building.

1894

Mrs. Fox was still living here in 1928.
Fred J. Fox in 1930 & 1942.

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